

## Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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## Supervisor Taylor Proposal Would Make Milwaukee County Compliant with State Law

Family Court Not Currently Providing State Mandated Services

MILWAUKEE –Supervisor Steve F. Taylor will offer a resolution to bring Milwaukee County Family Court into compliance with Wisconsin State Statutes at the Milwaukee County Board's Judiciary, Safety, and General Services Committee on Thursday, October 20.

If passed, the resolution would provide the impetus to develop a plan for the implementation of legal custody and physical placement study services in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute 767.405.

Due to budget constraints, Milwaukee County's Family Court has not been able to provide this state mandated service to the public.

"When I heard that Milwaukee County wasn't following state statutes, I was appalled," Supervisor Taylor said. "It is my hope that this plan leads to a more efficient court system with less children falling through the cracks."

Wisconsin State Statute 767.405 (14)(a) also provides that a county shall provide legal custody and physical placement study services whenever legal custody or physical placement of a minor child is contested. Furthermore, Statute 767.405 (14)(a) instructs that a legal custody and physical placement study is to account for the conditions of the child's home and any other matter relevant to the best interest of the child.